

CONUNDRUM CONTEST.

First Day's Session of the Novel Competition.

Plenty of Bright Wits Enter for the Prize.

Don't Fail to take a Shy at the Gold Double Eagle.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

THE EVENING WORLD offers a gold double eagle (\$20) for the best original conundrum submitted. Every day, the well-known humorist, will not judge. Answers must accompany the conundrums in every instance. The contest will close at 6 P. M. Friday, March 8, being short like a good conundrum itself. On Saturday, March 9, the decision of the judge will if possible be announced.

Here are a few of the conundrums already received in this interesting competition:

Both Have Hard Work.
Why is a man, trying to catch a rooster, like a poor man struggling with a mortgage on his little house?
Because he is trying to get the chancier, (shanty clear).
JOHN H. HONER,
115 Ainslie street Brooklyn.

A Sample of Many Such.
Why is THE EVENING WORLD like a good original conundrum?
Because it is so well written that no one wants to give it up.
ROBERT,
West Fifty-seventh street.

Physicians as Linguists.
Why should a physician be a good linguist?
Because it is necessary for him to understand all tongues.
FLORA McFARLANE,
Rocky Hill, Somerset County, N. J.

When Marriage is a Failure.
Why do the recriminations of married couples resemble the sound of waves on the shore?
Because they are murmurs of the tied.
A. DOWSON, 182 West Tenth street.

An Appropriate Hymn.
What is the most suitable song to sing at a wedding?
Still there's "more to" follow.
HARRY LEONARD, 128 Broadway.

Very Thin One.
Why are some men so thin?
Because they have no visible means of support.
WILL MOOREHEAD,
65 Nassau street.

Three from Brooklyn.
Why is a teacher like a bookbinder?
Because she polishes the understanding.
Why should a gas inspector make a faithful lover?
Because he often goes to meter.
Why is a champion pugilist like a millionaire?
Because he has a fortune in his fist.
TERRE STARR, Brooklyn.

A Difference of Pronunciation.
What resemblance is there between a door and a colored lady?
One is an negro and the other is a negress.
ORIGINAL.

A Plush You Can't Draw To.
Why are scarlet fever patients the best poker players?
Because they always have a flush.
MORTY ROGUES,
18 West Forty-fifth street.

As Old as Noah.
Why was Noah the greatest financier that ever lived?
Because he floated a limited liability company when all the rest of the world was in liquidation.
842 East Thirtieth street.

This Is Rather Neat.
When an amateur musician masters a difficult tune, what EVENING WORLD story does his success resemble?
"The Conquest of the Air."
JOHN F. GAYTOR,
476 Grand avenue, Brooklyn.

A Funeral Conundrum.
What is it that being too short, you cut off to make it long?
A grave.
P. J. GAYTOR.

Laziness Personified.
Why does the lazy man do his reading in the autumn?
Because the season turns the leaves.
C. HAIN, 182 West Tenth street.

A Fun on Hammen.
Why was Samson like a Turk?
Because he was a Muscleman.
A Poetical Rebus.

What is the difference between a lady of fashion in the hands of the coiffeur and Dutch corner groceryman?
My lady sits in an easy chair, and dabbles in powder and chalk; The Dutchman sits in a cheesey air, and dabbles in shawder and pork.
COLONEL JEM.

Why are the London Times-Parnell letters like horse shoes?
Because they were forged.
LUCY A. HATHEN,
100 Erie street, Jersey City.

This Sounds Familiar.
Why is a fender like the tomb of Washington?
Because it contains the ashes of the great.
SAMUEL G. DU BOIS, JR.,
454 West One Hundred and Forty-fourth street.

A Good Vocalist.
What public singer draws the best?
The mosquito.
W. STOKES,
182 West Tenth street.

A Shocking Statement.
What is the greatest and most progressive city in the world?
Electricity.
L. SNIDER.

One on the Ex-Congressman.
Why does an ex-statesman of Michigan resemble a famous poet of ancient Greece?
Because his name is Omar, and whenever he signs his name he writes the O. D. C. (Odysey). Omar D. Conger is the Mohlgander to whom I refer. C. F. WOODWARD.

The "Razze-Dazze" at Guttenberg.
To the Editor of THE EVENING WORLD:
The "razze-dazze" is a very strange and unwelcome visitor to this part of the globe, and for the short time it has been with us it is making itself very familiar. It is liable to attack a person at any time and any place. I am just recovering from a severe attack of "razze-dazze," which came upon me one day this week while at Guttenberg. I had placed \$25 on Glendale to win at odds of 3 for 1. Glendale being the first under the wire I rushed to the stand to present my ticket and receive my money, when the cry was raised, "Glendale short in weight." George Angus takes the money. For several days I have been searching my pockets thinking I had lost something which should be there. This is the first time I have ever been attacked by the "razze-dazze" and if I ever go to Guttenberg again I hope I may be dazze-razze once more. GLENDALE.

She Recommended It.
(From the Pittsburgh Chronicle.)
Ada-Who is that gentleman?
Ella-He is a Mormon and has six wives.
Ada-Shameful!
Ella-Not at all; he loves them in alphabetical order-Agathe, Bertie, Carrie, Dolly, Elsie and Fanny.
Ada-Then if I ever marry a Mormon I'll be first. How nice!

The Color Line in Lanes.
(From the New Orleans Picayune.)
White lies may not be so black as the other kind, but they are most as wicked. The color line cannot be drawn successfully in the lying line.
ROMAN MATTHEW,
(From the Philadelphia Record.)
Little Son-Papa, when Brutus said the Roman Senators were all honorable men, he didn't mean it, did he?
Father-No, he spoke satirically.
"What's that?"
He meant that the "Hon." in front of their names was put there by their constituents just for a joke. Those old Romans relished humor as much as we do.

Could Not Do Without Him.
(From the Pittsburgh Chronicle.)
Capt. Lemon has charge of the sale of tickets for the Inauguration Ball. That affair could not get along without a little Lemon aid, it seems.
A Correction.

The safe of William E. Chamberlin, of Rahway, recently blown open by burglars, was not one of the Marvin Safe Company's manufacture, as reported. It was made by a Pennsylvania house, and this statement is made in justice to the Marvin Safe Company, whose safes are not considered as favorite objects of attack on the part of the enterprising burglar.

SPORTING GOSSIP.
The games of the National Association of Amateur Athletes of America, held in Madison Square Garden Saturday, in every way satisfied the members of the Association and the able spectators as well. Al Copland's feat in breaking both the out and indoor records for 250-yard hurdle was a splendid performance.

The Acorn Athletic Club, organized to develop athletes in South Brooklyn, with headquarters at Fifty-fourth street and Third avenue, will give an entertainment this evening, the proceeds of which will go towards defraying the expenses of a new building.

The Seventh Regiment Athletic Association will hold its Spring games in its armory April 6.
The National Cross-Country championship will be run this Saturday in April by teams of not less than six nor more than twelve runners, and no person will be allowed to compete on any team unless he has been a resident of America for at least a year.

It is to be O'Connor who goes to Australia. His defeat of Gaudaur, on rough water, on the Alameda course in San Francisco Bay, brings that about. Gaudaur rowed poorly, losing his stroke twice.

temper, cool as it was, was being sorely tried. "This thing must and shall end—where is the 'Albatross' going now? Here it is crossing the Atlantic Ocean obliquely, and if it maintains its course, will strike the coast of Patagonia, and then Terra del Fuego, and after this? Will he head his course over the Pacific Ocean, or towards the Continent around the South Pole? Everything is possible to this Robur. At all events, we are lost! It is a case of legitimate defense, and if we must perish—"

"We shall not do so before we are avenged, without having destroyed this machine and all on board."
The two colleagues had worked themselves up to the highest pitch of fury. Since it was necessary, they were resolved to sacrifice themselves to destroy the inventor and his works. In a short time there would be no one left alive to tell the story of the wonderful air-ship, the king of aerial locomotion. Notwithstanding the fact that the idea had buried itself deeply into their minds they had not yet thought of the means to execute their design.

How were they to do it? By secreting an explosive engine under the deck and blowing the air-ship up? In that case it would be necessary to gain access to the ammunition room. Fortunately, Frycollin knew nothing of these projects. At the thought of the "Albatross" exploding in the air he would have denounced his master. July 23d land was sighted in the southwest, close to Cape Virginia at the entrance to Magellan Strait.

At that time of the year, at the 54th parallel, night lasted almost eighteen hours, and the temperature frequently fell to six or seven degrees below zero. The "Albatross," instead of turning off to the south, followed the windings of the strait as if wishing to reach the Pacific.

After passing over Lomas Bay, leaving Mount Gregory on the north and Brecknock Mountains on the west, it reached Punta Arena, a little Khilian town, and some hours later sighted the old station of Port Famine. If the Patagonians, whose fires could be seen there, were, as is reported, above the ordinary stature, the passengers on the air-ship could not appreciate the fact, as the people below seemed to them like dwarfs.

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the south. Passing between Mount Turn, on the Brunswick peninsula, and Mount Graves, it headed towards Mount Sarmiento, an enormous peak, hooded with ice, towering over Magellan Strait, six thousand feet above the level of the sea. It was the country of the Fuegians, the natives who inhabit the "land of fire." Six months previous, the height of summer (January in Philadelphia) the days fifteen or sixteen hours long, the country would have appeared beautiful and fertile. They could see even now valleys and pastures extensive enough to nourish millions of animals, old forests, gigantic trees, birch, ash, beech, cypress and arborescent ferns; also vast armies of penguins, gulls and myriads of other species of birds.

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